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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ADB DAIRY PRODUCTION LOAN FOR
PHILIPPINES

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1. ADB PROJECT MANAGER FOR FISHERIES AND LIVESTOCK
DIVISION INDICATED TO US THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH
GOP OFFICIALS, IT WAS AGREED THAT BANK WILL NOT FINANCE
TA FOR POTENTIAL DAIRY PRODUCTION PROJECT IN PHILIPPINES.
GOP OFFICIALS STATED THEY HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR CONDUCT-
ING A FEASIBILITY STUDY LEADING TO THE PREPARATION OF A
PROPOSAL FOR SMALL DAIRY FARMS PILOT SCHEME (TWO TO FOUR
HEAD HERDS) IN MINDANAO. GOP HAS APPARENTLY APPOINTED A
WORKING GROUP WHICH EXPECTS TO COMPLETE ITS STUDY IN
FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS. BANK TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, HOWEVER,
ARE RESERVING JUDGMENT REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF THE
STUDY AND THE FEASIBILITY OF ANY PROPOSAL THAT MAY EMERGE
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FROM THE STUDY UNTIL THE STUDY IS COMPLETED. ASSUMING
THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BANK MAY BE ABLE TO CONSIDER
A LOAN FOR A PILOT DAIRY PROJECT SOMETIME IN 1979. IN
VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF SUCH A PROJECT AND THE FACT THAT
SIMILAR EXPERIENCE FOR SMALL HERD DAIRIES IS LACKING IN
THE PHILIPPINES, WE FORESEE A MUCH LONGER LEAD TIME FOR
INITIATING THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY THAN IS FORECAST BY THE

GOP.

2. USADB COMMENT: THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PROJECT IN THE RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD SINCE THE GERM OF THE IDEA APPEARED IN THE ADB'S MONTHLY OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (MOI) DOCUMENT IS EVIDENCE OF THE TENTATIVE NATURE OF THESE PROJECT IDEAS WHEN THEY FIRST APPEAR IN THE MOI. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS HISTORICALLY ATTEMPTED TO INDUCE MANAGEMENT TO COME FORWARD WITH ITS IDEAS FOR PROJECTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, FULLY COGNIZANT THAT A NUMBER OF THESE IDEAS MAY FALL OUT OR MAY BE MODIFIED BEFORE APPRAISAL. WE BELIEVE THAT MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING IN IDENTIFYING PROJECT IDEAS AT AN EARLY STAGE AND WE CONTINUE TO WELCOME THIS POLICY. HOWEVER, REQUESTS FOR DETAILS THAT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE COULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE BY INHIBITING OPEN AND CANDID DISCLOSURE OF PRELIMINARY BANK PLANS. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT MODUS OPERANDI WHEREIN USADB SUBMITS TO SECSTATE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ON PROJECTS FOUR TO SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF THE APPRAISAL REPORT WHEN SUCH INFORMATION IS READILY AVAILABLE TO US BUT PRIOR TO THE TIME IT BECOMES GENERALLY AVAILABLE. IN VIEW TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY NATURE OF PROJECTS WHEN THEY FIRST APPEAR IN MOR, AND GENERALLY LONG LEAD TIME BEFORE THEY COME FORMALLY TO BOARD, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF USING MOI AS BASIS FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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